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Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
Attn: LeMoyne D. Schulz
Secretary for the Board
P.O. Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759

Re: Request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for Shoulder Width and
Lateral Obstacle Clearance
Country Meadows Re-Paving Project

Dear Ms. Schulz:

The City of Lincoln is in the preliminary design phase for a Re-Paving project in the Country Meadows Neighborhood. This includes 66th St. from Pine Lake Rd. to Highway 2, Almira Ln. and Marcus Rd. east of 66th St. and Ann's Ct. south of Marcus Rd. With this letter, the City of Lincoln is formally submitting a request to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Committee (Board of Classifications) for a Relaxation Request (RR) on this project. This RR would require a relaxation of the Non-Curbed Section Shoulder Width as well as the Fixed Obstacle Clearance found in the "2008 Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Minimum Design Standards (MDS)". Title 428, Chapter 2, Section 001.15 of the MDS requires a minimum Non-Curbed Section Shoulder Width of six (6) feet for Local Streets. This section of the MDS also requires a minimum Fixed Obstacle Clearance for non-curbed section of eight (8) feet for Local Streets. The City of Lincoln is requesting an RR to use the existing two (2) foot wide earth shoulder and is proposing a two (2) foot minimum for Fixed Obstacle Clearance so that existing mailboxes, open-channel ditches, drainage and manhole structures and ditch slopes can be left in place, as part of the project.

EXISTING SEGMENTS

66th St., Almira Ln., Marcus Rd. and Ann's Ct. are currently twenty-two (22) foot wide, non-curb and gutter, full depth asphalt pavement sections. All roadway sections have two (2) foot earth shoulders with open-channel ditch drainage.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work for this project consists of removing the existing twenty-two (22) foot wide asphalt pavement (constructed to Lancaster County paving standards) and repaving with a twenty-two (22) foot wide full depth concrete section. The existing earth shoulders, mailboxes, open-channel ditch drainage, drainage and manhole structures and ditch slopes will remain in place as part of this project, but would not meet the shoulder width and lateral obstacle clearance standards set forth by the MDS.

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TRAFFIC/CRASH DATA COMPARISON

A review of available data for the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2013 indicates that there were zero (0) crashes reported on 66th St., Almira Ln., Marcus Rd. and Ann's Ct. within the Country Meadows Neighborhood.

An aerial drawing, of the proposed Re-Paving district limits, and a resolution from the City Council supporting the Relaxation of the Nebraska lane width standard for this project are included for your reference.

With this letter, the City of Lincoln requests approval from the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for this Request for Relaxation (RR). This RR would require a relaxation of the Non-Curbed Section Shoulder Width and Fixed Obstacle Clearance in the "2008 Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards MDS".

Please arrange to have the City on the agenda for the next available Board meeting to be held in Lincoln. Please notify me if you have any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration of this Relaxation Request.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Figard, P.E.
City Engineer & City Street Superintendent
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Encl.

cc: Thomas Shafer, City of Lincoln
Craig Aldridge, City of Lincoln